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SUBJECT: Contacts of Father van CUTSEM at Munich

1. During his stay at Munich, Father van CUTSEM between 4 and 7 May 1951 had a number of conversations with Russian personalities from different circles in Munich.
2. He had been invited by General GLASERAP, chief of SAP. JOHN, a collaborator of Mr. POPIUS, was also present. GLASERAP, during a lengthy conversation, stated that members of his organization - without his knowledge and consent - may indulge in intelligence work for Western powers. He personally saw his task in a necessary preparation and organization of Russian officers and men for a future war. Since such war may come only after years, it seemed likely that some of his followers were occupied in intelligence work in the meantime. GLASERAP is keenly interested in a collaboration with the catholic church, especially with the Oriental Congregation headed by Cardinal TISSERANT and represented in Austria and Germany by Father van CUTSEM, although he claimed that he already had some contacts in this direction thru Spanish connections. GLASERAP boasted that he neither needed nor had American or German support, and that he especially had never received money from these sides. However, he did have some contacts with former German General Staff officers. Whereas SAP was primarily a military organisation RONDE, now existing for more than 2 years and closely collaborating with SAP, was more engaged in the political field.
3. Former followers of SAP have formed a new organization RAO. This is presently headed by SIMEONOFF living at Munich. RAO is also engaged in intelligence work, and endeavors to collect defectors especially from East Germany (just as POK, SAP, RONDE, RAO, MD, the 'Menshevik' and all other Russian groups). The layman Dimitrij GRIBANOVSKI (born 1 July 1924 at Karlova, Yugoslavia, son of the old emigrant Ivan and Elena Nikolaev) closely collaborates with the Oriental Congregations Museum in Rome. He was sent by Italian intelligence to Munich to close contacts with there living Russians. He informed Father van CUTSEM in detail, and Father van CUTSEM believes that GRIBANOVSKI is perfectly willing to drop Italian

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mention, is no doubt and is plotted by us.

In his return trip from South America (see report dated 28 April 1950, p. 12) newly appointed US大使 (Ambassador) to Brazil, Mr. John W. Foster, indicated that he would be personally willing to collaborate, if the UN central office of Humanitarian Affairs, to act on his behalf, in Latin America. He expected back possibly within two weeks, information that Foster had been receiving large financial support from the US, but did not state from which organization in particular.

5. General Mario GOMES (already reported on verbally, previously in Brazil) has offered Foster via GOMES, a position as a Doctor illustrated with a certificate showing the first 6 months. GOMES indicated that he was willing to give Foster this position, which would be important in Brazil, and that the general subject of the position is to represent the UN in Brazil, without any restriction of currency regulations.